

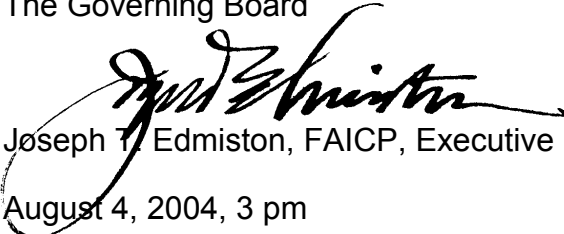


MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: August 4, 2004, 3 pm

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XI: Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation to provide personnel services associated with the responsibilities of the Ballona Creek Watershed Coordinator.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation to provide personnel services associated with the responsibilities of the Ballona Creek Watershed Coordinator in the amount of \$30,000.

Background: On June 2, 2004 the Board authorized the acceptance of funds from the State Department of Conservation Watershed Coordinator Grant Program. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was awarded a grant in the amount of \$230,892 for a Ballona Creek Watershed Coordinator. In conjunction with the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, the MRCA advertised for this position, interviewed five candidates, and subsequently filled the position. The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission will direct and oversee the work of the Watershed Coordinator.

The Department of Conservation grant is reimbursable, on a quarterly basis. The proposed action would accept a grant of \$30,000 from the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation to temporarily fund the position, ensuring that MRCA does not incur debt in order to fund the Watershed Coordinator position.